COMPLAINT FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT, FALSE OR MISLEADING ADVERTISING, ETC.

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- 4. Defendants own and operate an Amazon webstore called "State and Federal Poster." Defendants' Amazon Webstore is assigned Amazon Seller Identification No. A28KKIXXND8YDF.
- Plaintiff is presently unaware of the true names of the Defendants identified in this 5. Complaint under the fictitious names Does 1-25. On information and belief, Does 1-25, like the named Defendants, are trafficking counterfeit goods and unlawfully and unfairly using, without authorization, Plaintiff's "Compliance Audit Center" trademark in connection with websites, webstores, online advertising and e-commerce that promotes, markets and sells counterfeit versions of products bearing Plaintiff's trademark.
- 6. Defendants conduct their illegal operations through fully interactive webstores such as on Amazon.com. Defendants target consumers in the United States, including the State of California, and have sold and continue to sell counterfeit products to consumers within the United States, including the State of California and the Central District of California.
- 7. Through the operation of their webstores on Amazon.com and other e-commerce platforms, Defendants are directly and personally contributing to, inducing, and engaging in the sale of counterfeit products as alleged, often as agents, partners, co-conspirators, and/or suppliers.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendants are an interrelated group of counterfeiters working in active concert to knowingly and willfully manufacture, import, distribute, offer for sale, and sell counterfeit products that infringe on Plaintiff's intellectual property rights.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 9. This Action arises under the federal trademark statute (the "Lanham Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq., and under the common law of the State of California. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal trademark, false advertising, and unfair competition claims pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1338 and 1367. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the related California state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338 and 1367.
 - 10. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, this Court has personal jurisdiction because (1) Defendants are residents of the Central District of California; (2) Defendants have extensive contacts with, and conduct business within the State of California and this judicial district; (3) Defendants have caused counterfeit products to be advertised, promoted, maintained, and sold in this judicial district; (4) the causes of action asserted in this Complaint arise out of Defendants' contacts with this judicial district and Defendants commercial activities with this judicial district; and (5) Defendants have caused tortious injury to Plaintiff in this judicial district.
- 12. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) because: (1) Defendants are residents of the Central District of California; (2) Defendants have extensive contacts with, and conduct business within, the State of California and this judicial district; (3) Defendants have caused Plaintiff's products to be advertised, promoted, maintained, and sold in this judicial district; (4) the causes of action asserted in this Complaint arise out of Defendants' contacts with this judicial district and Defendants commercial activities with this judicial district; and (5) Defendants have caused tortious injury to Plaintiff in this judicial district.
- 13. Venue is also proper in this judicial district because a substantial part of the counterfeit products manufactured, marketed, and sold by Defendants are situated in this judicial district.
- 14. Defendants purposefully direct their activities to this judicial district by manufacturing, promoting, and selling their counterfeit products to residents of this judicial district.
- 15. Defendants knowingly, intentionally, and purposefully manufacture, market, and sell their counterfeit products to consumers in this judicial district. Defendants' intentional and illegal conduct is expressly aimed at consumers who reside in this judicial district. Defendants know the sale of their counterfeit products is likely to cause harm to consumers in this judicial district and is likely to cause harm to Plaintiff's trademark in this judicial district.
- 16. A substantial number of consumers previously received Defendants' counterfeit products, and a substantial number of counterfeit products are currently stored by Plaintiff in this judicial district for future sale to consumers in this judicial district.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's Business and the Compliance Audit Center Trademark

- 17. Plaintiff is the owner of the "Compliance Audit Center" trademark. This mark is registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is assigned Registration No. 5447413. The registration is valid and in full force and effect.
- 18. Plaintiff manufactures, markets, and sells compliance posters including labor, safety and compliance posters. Plaintiff manufactures, markets, promotes, and sells its products exclusively through its Amazon storefront called "Compliance Audit Center." Plaintiff offers 116 different posters for sale on its Amazon webstore. A complete list of Plaintiff's products is enclosed as Exhibit A.
- 19. Plaintiff's posters are manufactured to-order. Plaintiff is the exclusive manufacturer of its products and does not sell its products to any third parties. Plaintiff's products are sold directly to consumers through its Amazon webstore.
- 20. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065, Plaintiff's trademark serves as conclusive evidence of Plaintiff's ownership of the mark and its exclusive right to use and direct the use of the mark in commerce and in connection with the sale and distribution of its products, as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1115(b).
- 21. Plaintiff's trademark was registered on April 17, 2018. Plaintiff has actively used the trademark since that time.
- 22. Plaintiff has actively used, advertised, and marketed products under the trademark since the mark's registration.
- 23. Consumers recognize Plaintiff's trademark as being associated with accurate and high-quality posters.
- 24. Plaintiff's trademark is widely recognized by the general consuming public as the source of products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark.
- 25. Due to the superior quality and accuracy of Plaintiff's posters, and because Plaintiff is uniquely recognized as the source of the Compliance Audit Center brand, the Compliance Audit Center trademark has substantial value.

Online Marketplaces Present Significant Challenges to Product Quality

- E-commerce retail sales have exploded over the past decade. From Q2 2011 to Q2 26. 2021, the percentage of total retail sales in the United States that were completed through ecommerce channels rose from 4.8% to 13.3%. See Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Ecommerce Retail Sales Percent **Total** Sales (August 19, 2021), as a of https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/ECOMPCTSA.
- 27. In 2020 consumers spent nearly \$800 billion online with U.S. merchants, up more than 32% from the year before. *See Digital Commerce 360, U.S. ecommerce sales grow 32.4% in 2020* (Feb. 19, 2020), https://www.digitalcommerce360.com/article/us-ecommerce-sales/. This massive growth is being driven largely by the growth of online marketplaces. Amazon alone accounts for 38.3% of online retail, or over \$300 billion in sales per year. Amazon's dominance over e-commerce will only increase as consumers shift their purchasing habits from traditional brick-and-mortar stores to online marketplaces.
- 28. While online marketplaces have created a great deal of opportunity, they also greatly challenge a manufacturer's ability to control the quality of its products.
- 29. Many online marketplaces, including Amazon, allow third parties to sell products with little vetting or authorization from brands or manufacturers. As such, any person or entity that can obtain products through unauthorized diversions or from illegitimate sources can sell their products on online marketplaces without following the manufacturer's quality controls, and in many cases, without complying with intellectual property laws.
- 30. It is common for unauthorized sellers to sell diverted and counterfeit products to unwitting consumers. *See CNBC, Greed Report: Your quest for savings could land you in the 'gray market'* (Sep. 8, 2016), https://www.cnbc.com/2016/09/08/greed-report-your-quest-forsavings-could-land-you-in-the-gray-market.html.
- 31. Online marketplaces like Amazon do not generally require third party sellers to prove the source and authenticity of goods before the goods are offered for sale. This allows counterfeiters to identify successful products/brands and piggy-back onto those listings by offering

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27 28 counterfeit products sourced from unauthorized/unverifiable sources - often at a fraction of the cost.

- 32. That is precisely what Plaintiff seeks to stop. Defendants, a group of counterfeiters, identified successful products and a successful brand. Defendants sought to exploit Plaintiff's reputable, successful, and high-quality products and the Compliance Audit Center brand by offering for sale counterfeit/unauthorized reproductions of Plaintiff's products, thereby infringing on Plaintiff's intellectual property rights and harming the consuming public.
- 33. Defendants piggy-backed on Plaintiff's entire existing product line (see, Exhibit A) on the Amazon platform and pass off their own unauthorized reproductions as genuine Compliance Audit Center products - which they are not. Defendants have sold thousands of unauthorized reproductions in an attempt to leverage the Compliance Audit Center trademark.
- 34. Third-party sellers on Amazon frequently sell counterfeit items or allow counterfeit items to enter the stream of commerce through the absence of supplier vetting, poor quality controls, inadequate sourcing, and deficient fulfillment practices.
- 35. The Department of Homeland Security recently published a report noting that online marketplaces can facilitate the sale of counterfeit goods and that "American consumers shopping on e-commerce platforms and online third-party marketplaces now face a significant risk of purchasing counterfeit or pirated goods." Department of Homeland Security, Combating **Trafficking** 24, 2020), Counterfeit and Pirated Goods (Jan. available in at https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/20 0124 plcy counterfeit-piratedgoodsreport 01.pdf, at 7. The report stated that consumers on online marketplaces cannot rely on
- traditional "red flag" indicators of counterfeits and "have been surprised to discover that upon completion of an online sales transaction, that the order will be fulfilled by an unknown third-party seller." Id. at 14-15, 38. To mitigate these problems, the report recommended "[s]ignificantly enhanced vetting of third-party sellers." *Id.* at 35.
- 36. The United States Senate Finance Committee published a Bipartisan Staff Report on the problem of counterfeit products on online marketplaces, noting that brands "have experienced a steady increase in the amount of infringing products sold online" and that marketplace "business

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37. The press has also reported an "epidemic" of counterfeit products being sold on the online marketplaces that diverters are exploiting because they know consumers trust these marketplaces and think that the products they are buying through these marketplaces are genuine. See Bloomberg, Amazon Gets Real About Fakes (Nov. 28. 2016), https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-28/amazon-gets-real-about-fakes.

In its 2018 annual report to its shareholders, Amazon admitted that third party sellers

- on its marketplace are selling products that are "counterfeit," "pirated," "stolen," or otherwise "materially different" from the product that was described to consumers. *Amazon.com, Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 14* (Jan. 31, 2019), available at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1018724/000101872419000004/amzn-20181231x10k.htm. Amazon conceded that these actions are "violating the proprietary rights of others," and warned its investors that Amazon "could be liable for fraudulent or unlawful activities"
- 39. Because counterfeiters like Defendants, have no contractual relationship with brand owners, brand owners have no ability to exercise their quality controls over the counterfeit products or to ensure that only authentic, genuine products that come with all the product benefits are shipped to consumers. A brand owner's inability to exercise control over the quality of its products presents serious risks that consumers will receive inauthentic or otherwise poor-quality products and then blame the brand.
- 40. Online marketplaces also threaten a manufacturer's ability to maintain its goodwill, reputation, and brand integrity because their construction and user interface obscure the identity of the specific seller and suggest that all sellers are selling the same product when they are not. When purchasing products on an online marketplace, customers cannot easily distinguish between a

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of Amazon third-party sellers.

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- 41. When a customer purchases a product on an online marketplace and receives a poorquality or defective product, the customer is much more likely to associate that problem with the brand than the seller.
- 42. Online marketplaces also give disgruntled customers a powerful and convenient forum to air their grievances about problem products—online product reviews. Any consumer who is dissatisfied with the product received can post a review on the marketplace for all other consumers across the world to see. These reviews, which are often permanently fixed, will often criticize the brand rather than the marketplace seller that sold the product.
- 43. Online product reviews significantly impact a brand's reputation. Survey results show that 82% of United States adults sometimes consult online reviews for information when they consider buying a new product online, and 40% always or almost always consult such reviews. See Pew Research Center, Online Shopping and E-Commerce: 2. Online Reviews (Dec.19, 2016), http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/12/19/online-reviews/.
- 44. Because consumers so heavily "rely on reviews when they're shopping online," the Federal Trade Commission has even begun suing companies that post fake reviews of their products on online marketplaces. See Federal Trade Commission, FTC Brings First Case Challenging Fake Paid Reviews on an Independent Retail Website (Feb. 26, 2019), https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/02/ftc-brings-first-case-challenging-fakepaidreviews-independent.
- 45. Reviews are especially impactful on online consumers. In a brick-and-mortar store, a consumer can simply select another product from the shelf if the initial product selected appears to be compromised. However, online consumers are left simply having to hope that the product that shows up on their doorstep is of appropriate quality. Therefore, online consumers rely more on brand reputation and reviews.
- 46. Negative reviews also hurt a brand's placement in search results on Amazon and other search engines, as Amazon's search algorithm downgrades products it believes consumers are

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- 47. Consumers who purchase from counterfeit/unauthorized sellers on online marketplaces frequently receive poor-quality products and leave negative reviews on the product listing. These negative reviews injure consumer perceptions of the brand's quality and reputation, as well as its placement in search results, causing the brand to suffer damage to its goodwill and lost sales.
- 48. An audit of customer reviews on Amazon reveals a plethora of negative customer feedback towards Plaintiff's product and application. Unfortunately, Amazon customers do not realize they have purchased counterfeit products from an unauthorized source. As a result, Amazon customers attribute quality issues towards the Compliance Audit Center brand as opposed to Defendants who offer counterfeit products:

Plaintiff has Implemented Strict Quality Controls to Combat the Problems Presented in Online Marketplaces and to Protect the Value of the Compliance Audit Center Trademark

- 49. Recognizing the risks to its consumers and the reputational concerns associated with the illegal sale its products by counterfeit/unauthorized sellers, Plaintiff has implemented a quality control program that seeks to protect consumers, the value, and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center brand.
- 50. The goal of this program is to ensure that consumers who buy Plaintiff's products receive products that feature all the special characteristics that consumers have come to expect from products sold under the Compliance Audit Center name.
- 51. The program seeks to eliminate the likelihood that counterfeit products will reach consumers, which minimizes harm to the brand's goodwill. Preventing consumers from receiving counterfeit products protects consumers from confusion and protects the value and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center brand.
- 52. Plaintiff's ability to exercise these quality controls is essential to the integrity and quality of its products, as well as the value of the Compliance Audit Center trademark and other intellectual property.

- 53. Plaintiff maintains strict quality controls over the Compliance Audit Center brand by conducting rigorous post-manufacture inspections of all products prior to shipment to consumers. This ensures consumers receive the highest quality products that are un-damaged and have no imperfections or defects.
- 54. Plaintiff also maintains strict quality controls over the Compliance Audit Center brand by conducting all sales exclusively through its Amazon webstore. Plaintiff sells directly to consumers and does not sell to any third-party distributors or re-sellers.
- 55. Plaintiff routinely works with counsel to ensure the information provided in its product line is up-to-date and accurately reflects the law.
- 56. Following the sale of genuine products, Plaintiff provides ongoing support to enduser consumers and provides expeditious customer service by responding promptly to consumer inquiries.
- 57. Plaintiff's quality control requirements are legitimate and substantial and have been implemented so that Plaintiff can control the quality of goods manufactured and sold under the Compliance Audit Center trademark, to protect consumers, as well as the value and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center trademark.
- 58. Plaintiff offers a limited warranty for all its products. This warranty is material and something consumers reasonably expect to receive. Because Plaintiff sells exclusively directly to consumers, its warranty is limited to end users. Anyone seeking to make a warranty or customer service claim must provide proof of purchase. Proof of purchase from any source other than Plaintiff's Amazon webstore invalidates any claims under Plaintiff's warranty. Since Defendants offer counterfeit products, any products sold by Defendants are not eligible for service under Plaintiff's limited warranty.
- 59. Plaintiff conducts regular audits of its Amazon listings. This is done to maintain the quality and reputation of the Compliance Audit Center brand.
- 60. In the course of monitoring its Amazon listings, Plaintiff discovered Defendants were purporting to sell genuine Compliance Audit Center products. Defendants do not and cannot sell genuine Compliance Audit Center products because Plaintiff sells exclusively direct to

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consumer and does not sell any products to third party distributors or re-sellers. Plaintiff's products are exclusively made-to-order.

- 61. In addition to selling counterfeit products, Defendants do not comply with Plaintiff's customer service requirements.
- 62. Because Defendants fail to abide by Plaintiff's quality controls and customer service requirements, and because Defendants have not sourced their products from Plaintiff, the products sold by Defendants are materially different from genuine Compliance Audit Center products.
- 63. Defendants' sale of products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark creates customer confusion because customers who purchase products from Defendants believe they are purchasing genuine Compliance Audit Center products when they are not.
- 64. Defendants' sale of counterfeit products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark infringes on the Compliance Audit Center trademark and diminishes the brand's value.
- 65. When a consumer receives a counterfeit product from unauthorized sellers such as Defendants, the consumer associates their negative experience with Plaintiff. As such, Defendants' ongoing sale of counterfeit/unauthorized products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark harms the Compliance Audit Center brand.
- 66. Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, significant monetary harm as a result of Defendants' actions including, but not limited to, loss of sales, damage to its intellectual property, and damage to its existing and potential business relations.
- 67. Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' actions, including, but not limited to, irreparable harm to its reputation, goodwill, business and customer relationships, intellectual property rights, and brand integrity.
- 68. Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief because, unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to unlawfully sell counterfeit products, causing continued irreparable harm to Plaintiff's reputation, goodwill, relationships, intellectual property, and brand integrity.
- 69. Defendants' conduct was, and is, knowing, reckless, intentional, willful, malicious, wanton, and contrary to law.

- 70. Defendants' willful infringement of the Compliance Audit Center trademark and continued pattern of misconduct demonstrates intent to harm Plaintiff.
- 71. As set forth above, the counterfeit products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark through unauthorized sellers such as Defendants has caused significant harm to the Compliance Audit Center brand.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Federal Trademark Infringement under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1125(a) against all Defendants)

- 72. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs by 1 through 71 of this Complaint.
- 73. The actions of Defendants described above and specifically, without limitation, their unauthorized use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark in commerce to advertise, promote, market, and sell products throughout the United States including California, constitute trademark infringement in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1125(a).
- 74. The actions of Defendants, if not enjoined, will continue. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of, among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center trademark, and injury to Plaintiff's business. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116.
- 75. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117, Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages in an amount to be determined at trial, profits made by Defendants on sales of counterfeit products, and the costs of this action. Furthermore, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the actions of Defendants were undertaken willfully and with the intention of causing confusion, mistake, or deception, making this an exceptional case entitling Plaintiff to recover additional treble damages and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

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(Federal Trademark Dilution under 15 U.S.C. §1125(c) against all Defendants)

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs by

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77. The actions of Defendants described above and specifically, without limitation, their

unauthorized use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark in commerce to advertise, market, and

sell counterfeit products throughout the United States including California, are likely to cause

dilution by blurring and tarnishment in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

78. The actions of Defendants, if not enjoined, will continue. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of, among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center trademark, and injury to Plaintiff's business. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116 and 15 U.S.C. 1125(c).

79. On information and belief, the actions of Defendants described above were and continue to be deliberate and willful. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover damages in an amount to be determined at trial, profits made by Defendants on sales of counterfeit products, and the costs of this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Federal Unfair Competition and False Advertising under 15 U.S.C. §1125(a) against all Defendants)

- 80. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs by 1 through 79 of this Complaint.
- 81. Defendants' actions described above and specifically, without limitation, Defendants' use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark, in commerce to advertise, market, and sell counterfeit products throughout the United States including California constitutes unfair competition and false advertising in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).
- 82. Consumers are likely to be misled and deceived by Defendants' representations regarding the source and authenticity of the goods.

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83. Defendants knew or should have known their statements are false or likely to mislead.

- 84. As an actual and proximate result of Defendants' willful and intentional actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial, and unless Defendants are enjoined, Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable harm and damage to its business, reputation, and goodwill.
- Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117, Plaintiff is entitled to damages for Defendants' 85. Lanham Act violations, an accounting for profits made by Defendants on sales of counterfeit products, as well as recovery of the costs of this action. Furthermore, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants' conduct was undertaken willfully and with the intention of causing confusion, mistake or deception, making this an exceptional case entitling Plaintiff to recover additional damages and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Statutory Unfair Competition and False Advertising under California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17500 et seq. against all Defendants)

- 86. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs by 1 through 85 of this Complaint.
- 87. Defendants' actions described above and specifically, without limitation, Defendants' use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark in commerce to advertise, market, and sell counterfeit products throughout the United States and California constitutes trademark infringement, false advertising, and unfair competition in violation of the laws of the State of California.
- 88. By these actions, Defendants have engaged in false advertising and unfair competition in violation of the statutory law of the state of California, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 and 17500, et seq., and, as a result, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer damage to its business, reputation, and goodwill.

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89. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' willful and intentional actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and, unless Defendants are restrained, Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable damage.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contributory Trademark Infringement against all Defendants)

- 90. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs by through 89 of this Complaint.
- 91. The actions of Defendants described above and specifically, without limitation, their knowledge, participation, and inducement of the unauthorized use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark in commerce to advertise, market, and sell counterfeit products throughout the United States and California, constitute contributory trademark infringement in violation of federal law and the common law of the State of California.
- 92. The actions of Defendants, if not enjoined, will continue. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of, among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center trademark, and injury to Plaintiff's business.
- 93. On information and belief, the actions of Defendants described above were and continue to be deliberate and willful.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Vicarious Trademark Infringement against all Defendants)

- 94. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 93 of this Complaint.
- 95. The actions of Defendants described above and specifically, without limitation, their knowledge, participation, and inducement of the unauthorized use of the Compliance Audit Center trademark in commerce to advertise, market, and sell counterfeit products throughout the United States and California, constitute vicarious trademark infringement in violation of federal law and the common law of the State of California. Defendants each have the ability to control the actions

of the other Defendants, fund the advertising activities of the other Defendants, and derive a direct financial benefit from the illegal acts of the other Defendants.

- 96. The actions of Defendants, if not enjoined, will continue. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount to be proven at trial consisting of, among other things, diminution in the value of and goodwill associated with the Compliance Audit Center trademark, and injury to Plaintiff's business.
- 97. On information and belief, the actions of Defendants described above were and continue to be deliberate and willful.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. That Plaintiff be granted injunctive relief under 15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq.; California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17500 et seq.; and federal law and California common law of contributory trademark infringement and vicarious trademark infringement; specifically, that Defendants and all of their respective officers, agents, servants, representatives, employees, attorneys, and all other persons acting in concert with them be enjoined from:
 - 1. Selling any counterfeit products or products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark;
 - 2. Using the Compliance Audit Center trademark, or any confusingly similar mark, in connection with the marketing promotion, advertising, sale, or distribution of any products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark;
 - 3. Directly or indirectly engaging in false advertising or promotions of Compliance Audit Center products;
 - 4. making or inducing others to make any false, misleading or deceptive statement of fact, or representation of fact in connection with the promotion, advertisement, packaging, display, sale, offering for sale, manufacture, production, circulation or distribution of Compliance Audit Center products;

K. That Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages stemming from Defendants' intentional,

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wanton and/or reckless sale of counterfeit products bearing the Compliance Audit Center trademark;

L. That Plaintiff be granted costs associated with the prosecution of this action; and

1	M.	That Plaintiff be gran	ted such further relief as the Court may deem just.
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EXHIBIT A

2	Amazon Standard Identification Number	Product Title
3		Globally Harmonized System Pictograms and Hazards
4	B00TUEF6BU	(GHS) Poster - Laminated 18" x 24"
5	B00V9BT9LK	Fire Safety Extinguisher Poster - Laminated 24" x 24"
6	B00WN4OJM6	No Drugs Workplace Poster - Laminated 12" x 24"
7		Covid Safety Poster Set Laminated. 3 Posters Included:
8		Please Wear a Face Mask, Hand Wash, Social Distancing
9	B08C8YPWJW	11"x17"
10	B00TUE5U6Q	CPR for Adults Poster - Laminated 24" x 30"
11		Spanish Please Wear Face Mask Sign Poster Laminated
12	B08ZK21F7J	8.5x11
13	B00UGEGZHC	First Aid Poster - Laminated 24" x 30"
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20		2022 Illinois Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
21		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
22	B076MFXM1J	27"x40" [IL2-27X40-ENG]
23		2022 Virginia Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
24	B00TL1KZFO	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
25		2022 Virginia Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
26		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
27	B076MLLWDB	27"x40"
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1		2022 New Jersey Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
2	B00TUAEGRO	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" NJ2
3		How to Read a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Poster Laminated
4	B08GYJGFZL	24x27" Durable and Tear-Proof
5		2022 Washington Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
6	B00T8QYZ62	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
7	B00V9AEFY2	Sexual Harassment Poster - Laminated 24" x 30"
8		2022 Colorado Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
9	B00TRPQEHC	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" COL2
10		2022 Oregon Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
11		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
12	в076МН5ҮКВ	27"x40" [OR2-27X40-ENG]
13		2022 New Jersey Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
14		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA compliant
15	B076MKG74N	Vertical 27"x40" [NJ2-27X40-ENG]
16		2022 Florida Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
17		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
18	B076MHG5M6	27"x40"
19		2022 Wisconsin Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
20	B00TKYTI32	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
21		2022 Indiana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
22		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
23	B076MHX1LD	27"x40"
24		2022 Minnesota Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
25	B00T3XCAB2	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
26		2022 North Carolina Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-
27	B076MGVMRR	in-One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
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1		Vertical 27"x40"
2		2022 Louisiana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
3		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
4	B076MP8L8Q	Vertical 27"x40" [LA2-27X40-ENG]
5		2022 California All-in-One Labor Law Posters
6	B09NP9Z1PM	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
7		Please Wear Face Mask Poster Spanish Safety Sign for
8		Business, Workplace, Restaurants, or Other Buildings and
9		Facilities. Printed on Premium Paper and Durably
10	B08GCZLJKF	Laminated
11		2022 Alabama Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
12		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
13	B076MHNF6P	Vertical 27"x40"
14		2022 Iowa Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
15		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
16	B076MM5XNX	27"x40"
17		2022 Maine Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
18		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
19	B076MHVJ79	27"x40"
20		2022 Pennsylvania Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
21	B00TL5YKW4	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
22		2022 Missouri Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
23	B00T3XIU16	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" MO2
24		2022 Idaho Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
25		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
26	B076MHL17X	27"x40"
27	B076MGH1VH	2022 Nebraska Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
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1		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
2		Vertical 27"x40"
3		Please Wear Face Mask Sign Poster Laminated 8.5x11 (5
4	B08HJPKBDV	Pieces)
5		(Spanish) 2022 Texas All-in-One Labor Law Posters
6	B077H451SW	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
7		2022 Utah Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
8		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
9	B076MKC93V	27"x40"
10		2022 Oklahoma Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
11		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
12	B076MMNT1D	Vertical 27"x40"
13	B00UGNPKWY	Lockout Poster - Laminated 24" x 24"
14		2022 North Carolina Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
15	B00TL835WC	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
16		2022 Oregon Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
17	BOOTL68ZNS	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" OR2
18		(Spanish) 2022 New York All-in-One Labor Law Posters
19		(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch [NY2-
20	B077H4TVLP	27X40-SP]
21		2022 Tennessee Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
22		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
23	B076MK2XXY	Vertical 27"x40"
24		2022 Wisconsin Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
25		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
26	B076MHFX2R	Vertical 27"x40"
27	B00UZI5QFQ	Spanish 2022 Puerto Rico Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
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1		Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
2		2022 Nebraska Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
3	B00TU8K4EU	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
4		2022 Oklahoma Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
5	BOOTL6KKPE	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
6		2022 Kentucky Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
7		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
8	B076MK6MMG	Vertical 27"x40"
9		2022 Georgia Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
10		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
11	B076MGBYBX	27"x40"
12		2022 Indiana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
13	B00T3UEQ08	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
14		2022 Vermont Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
15		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
16	B076MJPS8R	27"x40"
17		Spanish 2022 Washington Labor Law Posters
18	B00UZKTX6W	(Laminated) Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
19		(Spanish) 2022 New York State and Federal Labor Law
20	B00UUOYJFI	Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [NY2SP]
21		2022 Utah Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo State
22	B00TL2R8VM	and Federal Poster 27"x40"
23		2022 Kentucky Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
24	B00T3V2BK4	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
25		Spanish 2022 Washington Labor Law Posters
26		(Laminated) All-in-One State and Federal Approved,
27	B077H67R2L	OSHA Compliant Vertical 27"x40"
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1		2022 West Virginia Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-
2		in-One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
3	B076MG7FT2	Vertical 27"x40"
4		(Spanish) 2022 Colorado State and Federal Labor Law
5	B00UVZS1AU	Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [COL2SP]
6		2022 Louisiana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
7	B00T3V894G	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" LA2
8		Please Wear Face Mask Poster Safety Sign for Business,
9		Workplace, Restaurants, or Other Buildings and Facilities.
10	B08C77MXLH	Printed on Premium Paper and Durably Laminated
11		(Spanish) 2022 New Jersey All-in-One Labor Law Posters
12		(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch [NJ2-27X40-
13	B077H6HRWJ	SP]
14		Spanish 2022 Arizona Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
15	B00UXSDVXM	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
16		2022 Delaware Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
17	B00TRPS61O	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
18		2022 South Carolina Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
19	B00TL52GIE	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
20		2022 Tennessee Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
21	B00TL33XO2	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
22		2022 Alabama Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
23	B00SZ5X978	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
24		2022 Wyoming Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
25		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
26	B076MKPBZV	Vertical 27"x40"
27	B00USCZM8A	(Spanish) 2022 Illinois State and Federal Labor Law
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1		Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [IL2SP]
2		2022 Mississippi Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
3	B00T52F0EU	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
4		2022 North Dakota Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-
5		in-One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
6	B076MLK4T1	Vertical 27"x40"
7		2022 Montana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-One
8		State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant Vertical
9	B076MG1H59	27"x40"
10		Spanish 2022 Virginia Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
11	B00UZJXRHY	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
12		Spanish 2022 Kentucky Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
13	B00UXU6ALU	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
14		2022 Arkansas Labor Law Posters - Laminated Combo
15	B00TRPO32K	State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40"
16		2022 Idaho Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo State
17	B00T3TL9ZY	and Federal Poster 27"x40"
18		Handwash Poster Sign (3 Piece Set) - Safety Policy
19	B08R5N812L	Proper Handwashing for Employees
20		2022 Delaware Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-in-
21		One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
22	B076MH5TJS	Vertical 27"x40" [DE2-27X40-ENG]
23		2022 South Dakota Labor Law Posters (Laminated) All-
24		in-One State and Federal Approved, OSHA Compliant
25	B076MGQHF9	Vertical 27"x40"
26		(Spanish) 2022 New Jersey State and Federal Labor Law
27	B00UY8M5QA	Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [NJ2SP]
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1		2022 Montana Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
2	B00T52NCB8	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
3	B00V902W1K	Federal Forklift Safety Poster (Laminated) 27" x 30"
4		2022 South Dakota Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
5	B00TL3EMM4	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
6		2022 Vermont Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
7	B00TL1XRYK	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
8		Please Wear Face Mask Poster Safety Sign - (3 Piece
9		Poster Set) Offset 3 ply PET Laminated. For Business,
10		Workplace, Restaurants, or Other Buildings and Facilities.
11	B08QV7TJQY	Printed on Premium Paper and Durably Laminated
12	B07X1P6Q8Q	Spanish Sexual Harassment Poster (Laminated) 24" x 27"
13		(Spanish) 2022 Nevada All-in-One Labor Law Posters
14	B077H5V6LH	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
15		(Spanish) 2022 New Mexico All-in-One Labor Law
16		Posters (Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
17	B077H5JQ36	[NM2-27X40-SP]
18		(Spanish) 2022 South Carolina All-in-One Labor Law
19	B077H55VVL	Posters (Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
20		Spanish 2022 Wisconsin Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
21	B00UZMQZ3E	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
22	B00UZMKZMQ	Affordable Care Act Poster (Laminated) 11 x 17 inches
23		Spanish 2022 Pennsylvania Labor Law Posters
24	B00UZH82LW	(Laminated) Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
25		Spanish 2022 Nevada Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
26	B00UZG48IE	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
27	B00UXSK9LO	Spanish 2022 Georgia Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
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1		Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
2		(Spanish) 2022 Texas Labor State and Federal Labor Law
3	B00UUPVZWC	Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [TX2SP]
4		Spanish 2022 Ohio Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
5	B00UUPB4LO	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
6		Spanish 2022 Florida Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
7	B00USC535W	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
8		2022 West Virginia Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
9	B00TKZ24JQ	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
10		Handwash Poster - Spanish Safety Policy Proper
11	B0863BSK42	Handwashing for Employees
12		(Spanish) 2022 North Dakota All-in-One Labor Law
13	B077H74DQN	Posters (Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
14		(Spanish) 2022 Nebraska All-in-One Labor Law Posters
15	B077H67C5V	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
16		(Spanish) 2022 Ohio All-in-One Labor Law Posters
17	B077H5XW5Y	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
18		(Spanish) 2022 Wyoming All-in-One Labor Law Posters
19	B077H5WKN6	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
20		(Spanish) 2022 Montana All-in-One Labor Law Posters
21	B077H4VV4N	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
22		(Spanish) 2022 Tennessee All-in-One Labor Law Posters
23	B077H4LM4Z	(Laminated) OSHA Compliant 27 x 40 inch
24		Spanish Federal Forklift Safety Poster (Laminated) 27" x
25	B00V91847A	30"
26		Spanish 2022 Tennessee Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
27	B00UZIXQTE	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
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		(Spanish) 2022 Rhode Island State and Federal Labor
	B00UZIOILY	Law Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [RI2SP]
;		(Spanish) 2022 Oregon State and Federal Labor Law
	B00UZGK68K	Poster - Laminated 27" x 40" [OR2SP]
; <u> </u>		Spanish 2022 Kansas Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
5	BOOUXTPRRO	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
,		Spanish 2022 Delaware Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
3	B00UW1XB3U	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
)		Spanish 2022 Connecticut Labor Law Posters
)	B00UVZW44Y	(Laminated) Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
		2022 Alaska Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo State
	B00TUB8YJ4	and Federal Poster 27"x40"
3		2022 Puerto Rico Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
	B00TUB02AI	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
		2022 North Dakota Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
5	B00TL7N0JG	Combo State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
		2022 Rhode Island Labor Law Posters (Laminated)
3	B00TL5OLWI	Combo State and Federal Poster - 27" x 40" RI2
		2022 Wyoming Labor Law Posters (Laminated) Combo
	B00TKYP8AO	State and Federal Poster 27"x40"
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